

THE EDITOR



THE September number of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING is intended to be a souvenir of the Congress of Nursing to be held in Buffalo during the week commencing September 16, 1901. The biographical sketches of the delegates, the portraits, and the histories of organizations make the number not only valuable for future reference, but to the nurses intending to be present a previous knowledge of "who is who" will add much to the interest.

These little histories also show that to some extent our organizations have begun to broaden their lines of work outside the personal and professional into the field of philanthropy, and there is a world of suggestion to be gathered from them.

This Congress will bring together, through delegates from every kind of a nursing organization, an unusual number of representative women, the pioneer nurses who battled through the hardships of early training-school days, and out of their hard experience have so influenced the growth and development of the profession and the younger generation, who already are benefited by their efforts. This gathering, the first of the kind, will in the future reassemble every five years at the International Congresses. England sends her most prominent women, whose presence will be one of the very interesting features of the series of meetings.

There is great inspiration to be gathered from such a Congress, as only those who have attended a large convention of people working on the same lines can appreciate. While officially the Congress will be composed of delegates, the meetings are open to all nurses and those interested in nurses' work. It is an opportunity that should not be lost by anyone having the means to be present, when one considers also the attractions of the Exposition.

THE Congress in Chicago, held only seven short years ago, produced a complete revolution in the relations of training-schools and nurses. Movements for the higher education of the nurse in training date from that time, and our national and international fellowships and affiliations with other bodies of women are the direct offspring of that occasion.

We venture to predict that the results of this Congress will be even greater; that legislative organization, registration, and a recognized

professional status for the nurse will go rapidly forward, while new channels for her usefulness will open and develop.

THE Editor-in-Chief wishes to make full acknowledgments to Miss L. L. Dock for editing the July and August numbers of the JOURNAL. Because of the vacation season a number of the department editors were unable to give the usual time to the magazine, and almost the entire responsibility of these numbers fell upon her shoulders; this was especially the case with the August issue, which in her able hands proved to be one of the handsomest numbers of the year.

That the JOURNAL has proven a professional success is due to the splendid coöperation of the editorial staff with the Editor-in-Chief, giving her, in addition to their department work, loyal support and invaluable advice.

WITH the September number the JOURNAL closes its first volume.

Without this JOURNAL the Congress, on its present lines, would have been an impossibility; it has given an impetus to State and local organization, and has become an important educational factor in the nursing world.

We ask our subscribers to send their renewals promptly, that the financial basis of the magazine may be defined early in the year, and we must again remind the alumnae members that each one has a responsibility to the JOURNAL. The member who has not obtained a subscriber or contributed to its pages has not fulfilled her obligation to the society of which it is the official organ.

Owing to the pressure of Congress business, the announcement for the new year is postponed until the next number.

THERE will be a meeting of the Committee on Periodicals, the editorial staff, and the JOURNAL Company during Congress week, due notice of which will be sent to the members by the chairman.

THE JOURNAL will be on sale in the nursing literature exhibition-room, adjoining the Congress hall, and subscriptions may be paid there also.

THE October number will be delayed a few days on account of the Congress.

